

Exhibit G – Long-Term Commitment

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Major commitments on resiliency have been achieved throughout the state since Sept. 17, 2014.

State Commitment. MA prioritized climate resilience and preparedness actions and investments (Exhibit F), addressing energy resiliency, dams and seawalls, coastal resiliency, and green infrastructure. EEA's DOER invested \$25,829,933 (Attachment B) in energy resilience, awarding 19 grants to municipalities, hospitals, regional wastewater treatment utilities, and electric cooperatives. A \$611,000 grant to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District for an organics to energy upgrade benefited nearly 200,000 people in MA and New Hampshire, including areas of low- and moderate-income. A grant of \$2,790,099 for co-generation to Baystate Health in Springfield benefited western MA. Seven percent of gross regional product generated in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties is attributable to Baystate Health, and jobs and earnings supported by Baystate represent nearly 11,000 households (<http://www.baystatehealth.org/Baystate/Main+Nav/About+Us>).

Regional Commitment. The Tri-Town water supply, jointly owned by the city of Braintree and the towns of Randolph and Holbrook received \$1,000,000 from EEA to reconstruct and fortify infrastructure at the Great Pond Lower Reservoir Dam, which had been rated in "poor" condition. The award (\$185,329 grant and \$814,671 loan at 2% interest) protected the water supply of about 77,500 residents across 3 communities. The borrowing demonstrates a strong commitment toward resilience by a regional entity.

Local Commitment. Three communities, Bellingham, Canton, and Gloucester each borrowed between \$312,000 and \$853,600 from EEA's Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Fund to either reconstruct a drinking water supply dam or remove a deteriorated dam, preventing flood danger. In Gloucester, dam repair protected 60 townhouses of Gloucester Housing Authority, a water treatment plant and 644 students at O'Maley Middle School, all downstream of the dam.